The Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Original) Seating module for a chair, characterized in that it includes:

-a structural framework (10) provided with a pommel element (20),

-a frame (12) arranged above the structural framework and provided with a cantle element (26), said structural framework and said frame having planar symmetry,

-means for connecting the frame to the structural framework, including a joint (14) which allows the frame (12) to tilt, in relation to the structural framework (10), about an axis perpendicular to the plane of symmetry, and

-a seat connecting the frame (12) to the pommel element (20) and formed of an elastic membrane (16) whose function is to define a rest position of the frame (12) in relation to the structural framework (10) and to return it to this position when a user tilts it in one direction or another.

2. (Original) Seating module according to claim 1, characterized in that in the rest position, the frame (12) is inclined forwards by an angle of approximately 10° in relation to the ground.

3. (presently amended) Seating module according to claim 1, characterized in that, in plane, the structural framework (10) has a T-shape, ~~the~~ a vertical bar (18) of which, arranged in the plane of symmetry, extends forwards and is bent upwards to end in said pommel element (20).

4. (Presently amended) Seating module according to claim 3, characterized in that said T-shaped structural framework comprises a horizontal bar (22) having opposing ends (22a) which are ~~the ends (22a) of the horizontal bars (22) of the T are~~ raised to form ~~the~~ said joint (14) with the structural framework (10).

5. (Presently amended) Seating module according to claim 1, characterized in that the frame (12) ~~is~~ comprises: a fork, which has, in plane, the shape of a U with an axis disposed in the plane of symmetry~~,~~; a ~~the~~ raised cross bar (26) ~~of which forms~~ forming said cantle element; and the two teeth (28) ~~of which extend~~ extending forwards, substantially as far as the pommel element (20), underneath ~~it~~ said fork (20).

6. (Original) Seating module according to claim 5, characterized in that said membrane (16) forms a support surface that is convex along a line perpendicular to the plane of symmetry and concave along a line inscribed in said plane.

7. (Presently amended) Seating module according to claim 6, characterized in that said membrane (16) is fixed:

-between the pommel element (20) and the cantle element (26),

-between the two teeth (28) of the fork (12), and

-between ~~the ends of the~~ said teeth (28) and the pommel element (20).

8. (Previously presented) Seating module according to claim 1, characterized in that said membrane (16) is covered with a padding member (32) forming a cushion.

9. (Original) Seating module according to claim 8, characterized in that said padding member (32) includes a longitudinal groove (34) for forming a space to receive the user's coccyx.

10. (Previously presented) Chair fitted with a support (36) in contact with the ground and a seating module (44) according to claim 1 and fixed to said support, characterized in that said support includes an arm (50) extending forwards and upwards and carrying a transverse bar (48) forming a support for the user's knees.

11. (Previously presented) Seating module according to claim 2, characterized in that said membrane (16) is covered with a padding member (32) forming a cushion.

12. (Previously presented) Seating module according to claim 3, characterized in that said membrane (16) is covered with a padding member (32) forming a cushion.

13. (Previously presented) Seating module according to claim 4, characterized in that said membrane (16) is covered with a padding member (32) forming a cushion.

14. (Previously presented) Seating module according to claim 5, characterized in that said membrane (16) is covered with a padding member (32) forming a cushion.

15. (Previously presented) Seating module according to claim 6, characterized in that said membrane (16) is covered with a padding member (32) forming a cushion.

16. (Previously presented) Seating module according to claim 7, characterized in that said membrane (16) is covered with a padding member (32) forming a cushion.

17. (Previously presented) Chair fitted with a support (36) in contact with the ground and a seating module (44) according to claim 2 and fixed to said support, characterized in that said support includes an arm (50) extending forwards and upwards and carrying a transverse bar (48) forming a support for the user's knees.

18. (Previously presented) Chair fitted with a support (36) in contact with the ground and a seating module (44) according to claim 3 and fixed to said support, characterized in that said support includes an arm (50)

19. (Previously presented) Chair fitted with a support (36) in contact with the ground and a seating module (44) according to claim 4 and fixed to said support, characterized in that said support includes an arm (50) extending forwards and upwards and carrying a transverse bar (48) forming a support for the user's knees.

20. (Previously presented) Chair fitted with a support (36) in contact with the ground and a seating module (44) according to claim 5 and fixed to said support, characterized in that said support includes an arm (50) extending forwards and upwards and carrying a transverse bar (48) forming a support for the user's knees.

The Abstract:

Please replace the abstract with the following (which is also included in the Substitute Specification referenced above).

ABSTRACT

The inventive seating module comprises: a structural frame provided with a gaiter, a frame, disposed above said structural frame and provided with an arch, whereby the structural frame exhibits planar symmetry, means for connecting the frame to the structural frame comprising a joint enabling the frame to swivel in relation to the structural frame about an axis which is perpendicular to the symmetrical plane, and a seating element joining the frame to the gaiter, made of an elastic membrane which is used to define a rest position for the frame in relation to the structural frame and to return it towards said position when a user causes it to tilt in one direction or the other.